

From: Executive Admin
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Islands2050
Subject: Letter in support of Islands Trust gaining authority to manage tree cutting
Attachments: Letter to Islands Trust Council re Small Scale Clear-Cutting.pdf

From: Malcolm Inglis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Executive Admin <execadmin@islandstrust.bc.ca>; Jeanine Dodds <jdodds@islandstrust.bc.ca>; David Maude <dmaude@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: Letter in support of Islands Trust gaining authority to manage tree cutting

The Mayne Island Conservancy Society is very concerned about the amount of tree clearing on Mayne Island. Please make the attached letter available to all Trust Council members as they consider the proposed policy to seek authority from the provincial government to preserve and protect forest ecosystems: both the protection of old-growth forests, and regulation of tree cutting on private properties.

Thank you for your attention,

Malcolm Inglis
President, Mayne Island Conservancy Society



May 31, 2021

The Islands Trust Council

c/o execadmin@islandstrust.bc.ca

c.c Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island Trustee

David Maude, Mayne Island Trustee

Re: Public Input for First Reading of proposed revisions to the Islands Trust Council Draft Bylaw No. 183 / Islands Trust Policy Statement Bylaw 2021 (Stage 5 – June to September 2021).

To the Council:

As you are no doubt aware, Mayne Island is vulnerable to deforestation, and the rate of canopy loss has been dramatically increasing in recent years. Residents continue to remove large numbers of trees from their properties, which results in a more serious loss overall when combined with the death of trees (primarily mature Western Red Cedar) due to climate change. The environmental impact of tree cutting erodes ecosystems across Mayne Island, specifically affecting ground water, local microclimates along with flora and fauna at all scales.

Therefore, we are writing to express our emphatic support for the Islands Trust Council pursuing the necessary jurisdictional authority to regulate small scale clear cutting in the Trust Area (under Coordination Policies for Trust Council 4.3.9).

Yours Sincerely,

Malcolm Inglis,

President, Mayne Island Conservancy Society